



## Bernardino "Berney" Alvarado

January 4, 1935 - May 14, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved father Deacon Bernardino (Berney) Alvarado who left us peacefully in his home May 14, 2024 at the age of 89.

Berney was born January 4, 1935 in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon Mexico to Victoria Perez Garcia. Migrating with his mother, grandparents and siblings, Berney worked in the fields of Texas, and California finally settling in Washington working with S.P. Farms till his retirement.

Additionally, Berney met and married Mary Ellen Ramos of Crawley, Colorado having four children; Connie Hernandez (Fermin), Berney Alvarado Jr., Pat Garcia (Andres ) and Vicki Alvarado.

Berney found God early in his life and began his church work at the age of thirteen helping the priest at Golding Farms prepare for mass. His church work continued as he entered adulthood becoming a Knights of Columbus member and working endlessly with church prayer groups, religious education, fiesta organization and the Crusillo movement to name a few. On September 14, 1996 Berney became an ordained deacon.

As we all know Berney loved his music and that was his greatest ministry taking his love of God and music and bringing that to neighboring churches and helping them form their own church choirs. He loved to play his guitar and sing to anyone who would listen..

In addition to his church work Berney never forgot his community and his farmworker roots. He was a strong advocate for farm workers' rights traveling

to Washington D.C. to discuss those rights and advocating for funding. Berney also worked alongside members of the community to establish the Toppenish Farmworkers Clinic.

Berney and Mary were never shy of helping anyone, friend or stranger who were in need, they did this together until Mary's death on August 3rd 1993 Berney remarried to Bertha Rodriguez and for the past twenty years continued church work together.

Berney is preceded in death by his wife Mary Alvarado, daughter Connie Hernandez, son-in-law Fermin Hernandez, his three brothers, two sisters and two sister-in-laws.

He is succeeded in death by his wife Bertha Alvarado, his children Berney Alvarado Jr., Pat Garcia, Vicki Alvarado and numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The family wishes to express their thanks for the outpouring of love and prayers for Berney and his family. God bless you all.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **22**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home  
228 S. Alder  
Toppenish, WA

## Rosary

MAY **22**. 6:00 PM (PT)

St. Aloysius Catholic Church  
213 N. Beech Street  
Toppenish,, WA

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY **23**. 10:00 AM (PT)

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Toppenish,, WA

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ Joe Jose L Garcia lit a candle in memory of Bernardino "Berney" Alvarado



Joe Jose I Garcia - June 07, 2024 at 09:25 PM

RF

“ Ramona Flores-Cavazos lit a candle in memory of Bernardino "Berney" Alvarado



Ramona Flores-Cavazos - May 23, 2024 at 11:27 PM

RF

Sincere condolences to Bertha and all of Bernie's family. Bernie was very special to all of us and highly respected. He will be missed. Que en paz descanse en la Gloria de Dios. 🙏

Ramona Flores-Cavazos - May 23, 2024 at 11:29 PM

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“ Con sincera simpatia, Leti Garcia Romero purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Bernardino "Berney" Alvarado.



Con sincera simpatia, Leti Garcia Romero - May 21, 2024 at 05:23 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Bernardino "Berney" Alvarado.*



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May 21, 2024 at 02:18 PM



“ *Bishop Joseph Tyson, Diocese of Yakima planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernardino "Berney" Alvarado.*

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**Bishop Joseph Tyson, Diocese of Yakima** - May 21, 2024 at 02:18 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home** - May 20, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ *Mi Hermano, Bernie. You will be missed my friend. That now leaves two of us to carry on the torch Bishop/Cardinal George gave us almost 30 years ago, fond memories of our diaconate journey together and the many Masses celebrated. Well done, good and holy deacon! Deacon Bill*

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**Deacon Bill** - May 18, 2024 at 07:41 PM